

# SWC Minutes

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DATE: February 6, 2019 Meeting convened at: 7:00 p

Present: ( In alphabetical order)

Ron Eby, John Groom, Jeff Hewes, Vic Leonard, Buddy Lloyd, Chris Mattioni, Tom Neubauer, Peter Parlett, Shawn Tidwell, John Rigby, Reese Rigby, Bob Watson and Clay Lloyd.

Introductions of new members to the committee and committee members to the new members opened the meeting.

We went right to selecting and seeding the Dual Team tournament for the coming weekend. After a brief discussion, Division II was seeded with little discussion, moved, seconded and accepted by vote.

Division I used head to head results and point differential against common opponents to finalize the seed for this division. A move to accept was seconded and voice vote approval followed.

The starting weight class for the competition was drawn by Bob and the 132 pound class was selected. Weigh-in will start with this class and subsequent rounds of the tournament will start with the next weight class in sequence.

It was noted that the Independent Qualifier tournament will be run by Steve Lex at Tatnall School, with the Blue Hen tournament to be held at Middletown and the HAC to be held at Sussex Central.

We next had a report by Vic concerning the female wrestling exhibition to be held before the opening round at 4:00p with five simultaneous matches on the five mats available. Vic noted that all the involved coaches and female wrestlers were in agreement with the format.

Buddy and Tom then reiterated the procedure for seeding the Individual championship tournament. The top four qualifiers from each qualifying tournament will automatically have a seed. The next four at-large selections to complete the bracket of 16 will then be selected from the remaining pool of qualifiers. From there, we will use the records from Trackwrestling, head-to-head competition, results against common opponents to seed all sixteen to the championship tournament to be held at Cape Henlopen HS. The remaining wrestlers will be rank ordered from 17 to 24 to establish the alternates.

Tommy next introduced the results of an extensive survey concerning coaching out of season, both during the school year and during the summer months, which are separate issues. The DIAA board will convene on the 14th of this month to consider changes to the regulations that concern this issue. Jeff had a great deal of thoughtful commentary to offer and was backed up by Shawn from their perspective as athletic directors. Jeff favored open summer activities. Further commentary by Vic and Chris offered additional perspective from the viewpoint of coaches. After a straw vote to get a sense of our collective opinion, a motion was proposed and seconded to allow a change in regulations that would allow open summer activities. This motion was approved unanimously.

A second motion was proposed and seconded to allow open coaching during the school year. This motion failed 7-4 with one recusal.

We adjourned the meeting at 8:50 without further discussion.